

## **INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION AWARD AWARDEE**



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**U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration Tribal Safety Team**

This successful collaboration among Federal agencies, to include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Interior (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs and National Park Service, began with the NHTSA Region 6 team in Fort Worth, Texas in the early summer of 2021. This collaboration evolved into a national agency initiative highlighted by U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary of Pete Buttigieg and NHTSA Deputy Administrator Steven Cliff. The NHTSA Tribal Safety team first identified a dangerous pattern of road deaths in the Four Corners region (where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah converge). By championing the need to address this critical safety issue for Native Americans, the team created a national safety campaign entitled “Four Corners and Beyond” to highlight the overrepresentation of Native Americans in this Four Corners area, and in many other regions in Indian Country across the USA. This initiative addresses important road safety concerns and serves as a prime example of collaboration with multiple Federal agencies, State/local/tribal governments and transportation safety partners.